









MAJOR GENERAL

**MAILS EXPECTED.**

THE AMERICAN MAIL.

The O. and O. steamer *Gladie*, with the next American mail, left San Francisco on the 17th inst., and may be expected here on the 14th inst.

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**POST-OFFICE NOTICES.**

The authorised List of Mails issued in connection with this paper is the one published each day in our Extra, which is always

to a much later hour than that given  
by the mail will close

For Ningpo and Shengshai.—Per Amoy, to-  
day, the 8th instant, at 8.30 A.M.  
For Amoy.—Per *Esmeralda*, to-day, the 8th  
instant, at 8.30 A.M.  
For Hongkong.—Per *Tunis*, to-day, the 8th in-  
stant, at 3.30 A.M.  
For Foochow.—Per bark *Alce*, today, the  
8th instant, at 11.30 A.M.  
For the Straits Settlements and London.—Per  
*Alce*, to-day, the 8th inst., at 11.30 A.M.  
For Macao.—Per *Amoy*, to-day, the 8th in-  
stant, at 3.30 P.M.  
For Swatow, Amoy, and Taiwan.—Per *Alce*,  
to-day, the 8th instant, at 5 P.M.  
For Swatow.—Per bark *Alce*, to-day, the 8th  
instant, the 10th instant, at 9.30 P.M.  
For the Straits Settlements and Calcutta.—Per  
*Alce*, to-day, the 8th inst., on Saturday, the 11th  
instant, at 9.30 P.M.  
For Swatow, Amoy, and Foochow.—Per  
*Alce*, on Saturday, the 11th inst., at 5 P.M.  
For Japan, via Hongkong.—Per *Nigata-Maru*, on  
Sunday, the 17th instant, at 5 P.M.

It is Excellency the Governor is pleased to  
order, under Section XII, of the Public Office  
Regulation, 1876, that the Late Fee charged on  
correspondence posted after certain hours for  
Europe, America, the Australian Colonies,  
and India, shall be 10 Cents, instead of 18  
Cents.

**MAILS BY THE UNITED STATES  
PACKET.**

The United States' Mail Packet "CITY OF  
CINCINNATI" will be despatched on THURSDAY,  
the 9th September, with Mails for Japan,  
Panama, Francisco, the United States, Canada, Hono-  
lulu, &c., which will be closed as follows:—  
P. M. Registry ceases.

P. M. Post Offices closes, but Letters (except  
to Non-Union Countries) may be posted on  
board the Packet with Late Fee of 10 cents  
per Letter. The Office of departure.

Correspondence for Non-Union Ports (dis-  
patched to the Bahamas and Hayti), Monte Video,  
Uruguay, and Uruguay, cannot be sent by this

**MAILS BY THE FRENCH PACKET.**  
The French Contract Packet "ANADYR" will be despatched on MONDAY, the 18th inst., with Mails to and through the United Kingdom and Europe, via Naples to Saigon, the Settlements, Batavia, Birmah, Ceylon, the Australasian Colonies, Pondichéry, Madras, Aden, Egypt, Malta, and Gibraltar.

**MAILS BY THE BRITISH PACKET.**  
The British Contract Packet "KHYA" will be despatched on SATURDAY, the 15th inst., with Mails to and through the United Kingdom and Europe, via Brindisi, to

**LETTERS FOR CLOSING THE CONTRACT MAILS.**  
**ENGLISH MAIL.—DAY OF DEPARTURE.**  
 1. Money Order Office closes.  
 2. Registry of Letters ceases. Posting of printed matter and patterns ceases.  
 3. Letters closed, except for Late Letters.  
 P.M. Letters may be posted with Late of 10 cents until  
 P.M., when the Post Office closes entirely.  
 P.M. Late Letters may be posted on board

**THE FRENCH MAIL.**  
**TUESDAY.**  
M. Money Order Office closes. Post Office closes, except the night box, which is always open out of office hours.  
**WEDNESDAY.**  
1. Post Office opens.  
M. Registry of Letters ceases. Posting of printed matter and packages ceases.  
M. Mail closes, except for Late Letters.  
A.M. Letters may be posted with Late Fee 18 Cents until 10 o'clock.  
A.M., when the Post Office closes entirely.  
A.M. Late Letters may be posted on board packet with Late Fee of 18 Cents until 10 o'clock.

RELATIONS AS TO SOLDIERS' AND SAILORS' LETTERS.

Privates in H.M. Army or Navy, Non-commissioned Officers,\* Army Schoolmasters Superintending or First Class) or School-  
teachers may send half-ounce letters to the Kingdom via Brindisi or via Marseilles at the rate of four cents (twopence) each, which is prepaid either in Imperial or in Hong Kong Stamps.

The same privileges apply to letters addressed to the Privates and Non-commissioned Officers named above.

All such letters prepaid at the former rate

Private steamers leave Hongkong for  
about every ten days, and are from six  
to eight weeks on the voyage.

The letters must not exceed half an ounce.  
Cigarettes, jewelry, &c., can be sent,  
but with the ends open.

If from a Soldier or Sailor his class and  
regiment must be stated in full on the letter,  
and of which must be signed by the Com-  
manding Officer, with name of regiment, ship,  
&c., in full.

If a Soldier or Sailor, his class and de-  
scription, with name of regiment, ship, &c., must  
be stated in full.

Soldiers and Sailors have no privileges  
regard to books or papers, nor can these be  
with Imperial Stamps.

\_\_\_\_\_ not Warrant Officers, viz., Assistant En-  
Gunner, Boatswain, or Carpenter.

**TEA MUSTERS.**

\_\_\_\_\_ sons who send Musterners of Tea through  
at in Tins are requested to have them  
at or square instead of round, as it is in-  
to peek round this soverely in the mail  
It is to be borne in mind that tea will travel  
safely in flat tins, which are not so liable  
d ones to be bulged in.

\_\_\_\_\_ 3 by 14 inches is suggested as a good  
The tin should not have sharp corners.

responsibility for the West Indies (except  
concerning the Postal Union, the Ba-  
my and Hayti), for Monte Video and Para-  
guay no longer send via San Francisco.

**FOR THE UNITED STATES BY MAILING  
SHIP.**

It is desired to forward letters to the  
United States by a mailing ship which is not  
carrying a mail, it is only necessary to  
attach letters in the ordinary way, marked  
name of the ship, and prepaid 8 cents  
onwards as usual. This Office then under-  
takes the duty of obtaining notice of departure  
of the vessel, and the correspondence. It is re-  
quired that the letters be addressed to the

STAMP OFFICE.

Above Office being now provided with a  
a, Books of Receipts, Rent Collectors'  
&c., can be stamped beforehand in the  
manner of Cheque books. Loose receipt  
is also be stamped if required.

provide means of remitting small sums  
to or from this Colony and between  
of China, the Postmasters and Agents  
Offices are allowed (but not required) to  
the Hongkong Postage Stamps from fo-  
reign countries.

Stamps tendered for sale must not

in value, must be perfectly clean, in addition, and in strips of at least two, unless the Stamps will be purchased. They are presented personally or accompanied by a receipt.

Stamps containing Stamps should be registered, and the Stamps should be secured from loss.



